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Applicants: GELLMAN, et al.

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Title:  $\beta$ -AMINO ACIDSRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

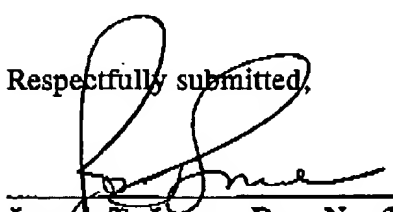
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To the Commissioner:

In supplemental response to the restriction and election of species requirements dated May 27, 2005, and in direct response to the notice dated October 24, 2005, Applicants confirm their prior elections, with traverse. Applicants also respectfully direct the Office's attention to the top of page 2 of their prior response. As noted there, Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12-14, and 24-29 read upon the elected species.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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